

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
1 May 2023
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:30pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Dianne Schaefer, Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, JoAnn Robinson, and Michael Gervais and Associate Commissioner, Kim Goldinger.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes. The minutes from April 2023 were reviewed and updated with changes.
4. Discussions and Hearings:

7:35pm Continued Formal Hearing for 3 Washington Avenue with Dino and Paula Iseppi, homeowners presented their plans.

Following the presentation and discussion regarding the planned changes to the house, it was determined that additional drawings and more details are needed for the proposed changes to the east elevation.

A motion was made to approve the proposal to remove the asbestos siding from the house with the provision that there will be a report forthcoming on the condition of the wooden clapboard siding under the asbestos before moving ahead on new siding. The other parts of the proposal will be reviewed at our next meeting including windows, doors, trim around windows and other details still to be determined. The motion was made by Commissioner Stange and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. A roll call vote was taken and all voted in favor of the motion.

8:00pm Continued Formal Hearing for 259 Mystic Street with homeowner Alvin Wong presenting.

Mr. Wong presented plans for a new side door with a window at the top. It was determined following a discussion that further work is needed to find an appropriate style door to match the front door. The next feature presented was the removal of a side door to the first floor from the original architectural drawings as suggested by the Commission. An update on the basement awning windows and attic casement windows features was shared. The plan for the decking is to use Azek Narrow width 3.5”.

Mr. Wong will put together a slide presentation to match the discussion of all the new features of the house for the next meeting.

Commissioner Robinson reviewed the plans presented up to this point: The Commission agreed to the removal of the existing siding to look at original siding, agreed that garage is the right proportion, to work with the existing trim, to install new windows all 2 over 1 and to install awning windows to have three panes and casement windows to have six panes, that the door to the basement on the side of the house will have a roof and that Azek will be used for the decking on the porch.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gervais and seconded by Commissioner Meister to approve the plans as presented in the architectural drawings. The approval included the windows to be 2 over 1 with the exception of the three pane awning windows and the six pane casement windows, the use of Azek for the deck, to work with the existing trim (including the roofs with brackets where there is a porch) the left side of the house will have two doors, and the side door on the right side of the house will match the front door.

A roll call vote was taken and all voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Robinson will review the content from the April 19 meeting to complete the decision.

8:20pm Formal Hearing for 84 Park Street. The proponents did not appear for the hearing.

New Business:

The process to use the MACRIS site to update the Inventory was discussed. Details including recent demolitions need to be noted on the Inventory.

Commissioner Stange reported on the new website. Michael Ruderman has offered to rewrite the Researching Your House section in May. The cost to set up the website is \$250 and the designer payment is \$200.

Commissioner Meister made a motion to reimburse Commissioner Stange for the payment of \$200 for the website designer. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:30 pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will June 6, 2023

for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.